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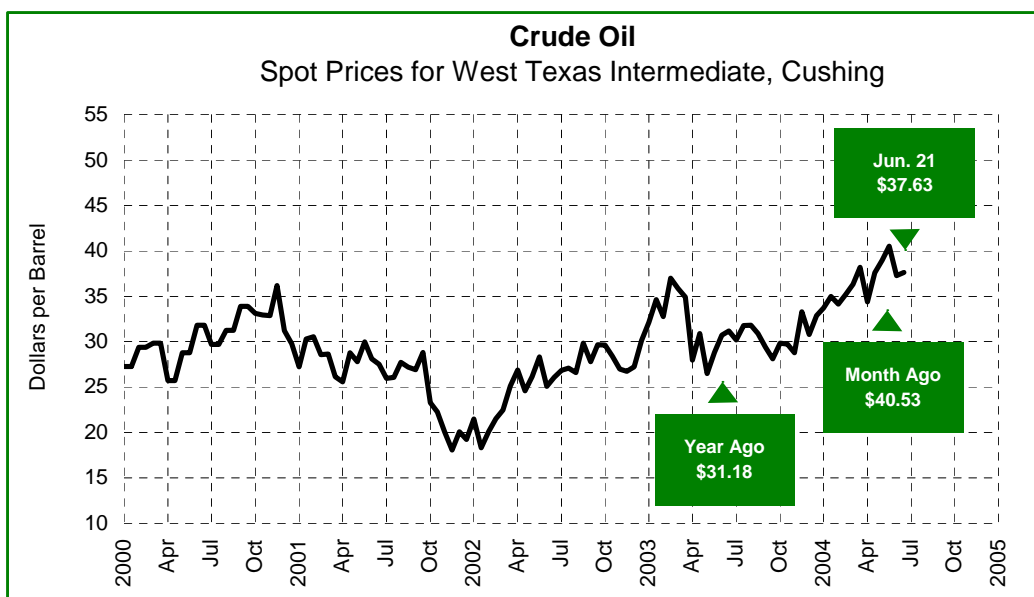
### Crude Oil

U.S. crude oil stocks are now at 305.4 million barrels, the highest level since August 2, 2002.

*Crude Oil - Spot Prices (dollars per barrel)*

	<u>06-21-04</u>	<u>05-18-04</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>06-16-03</u>	<u>change</u>
WTI	\$37.63	\$40.53	down 7%	\$31.18	up 21%

- Crude oil imports last week averaged just shy of 10.2 million barrels per day, and have been at or above that level for five weeks in a row. Despite crude oil refinery inputs averaging nearly 16 million barrels per day over the four-week period ending June 18, crude oil inventories have increased by 6.5 million barrels over that time span. As a result, U.S. crude oil stocks are now at 305.4 million barrels, the highest level since August 2, 2002.
- Higher levels of crude oil inventories should help add flexibility to the U.S. oil market and reduce price pressures; however high demand and high refinery operating rates limit opportunities for this additional crude oil inventory to be reflected as higher gasoline and distillate inventories.



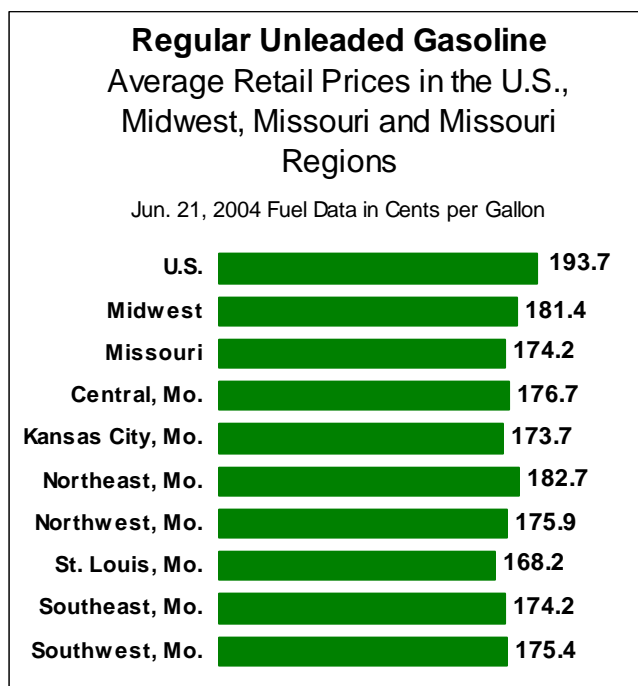
## Transportation Fuels

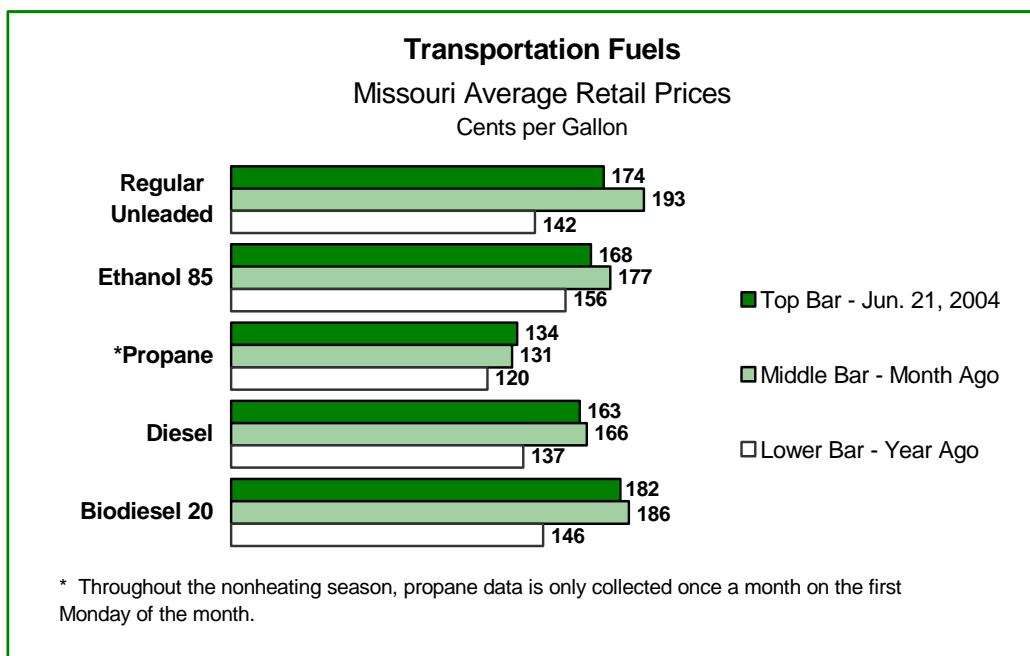
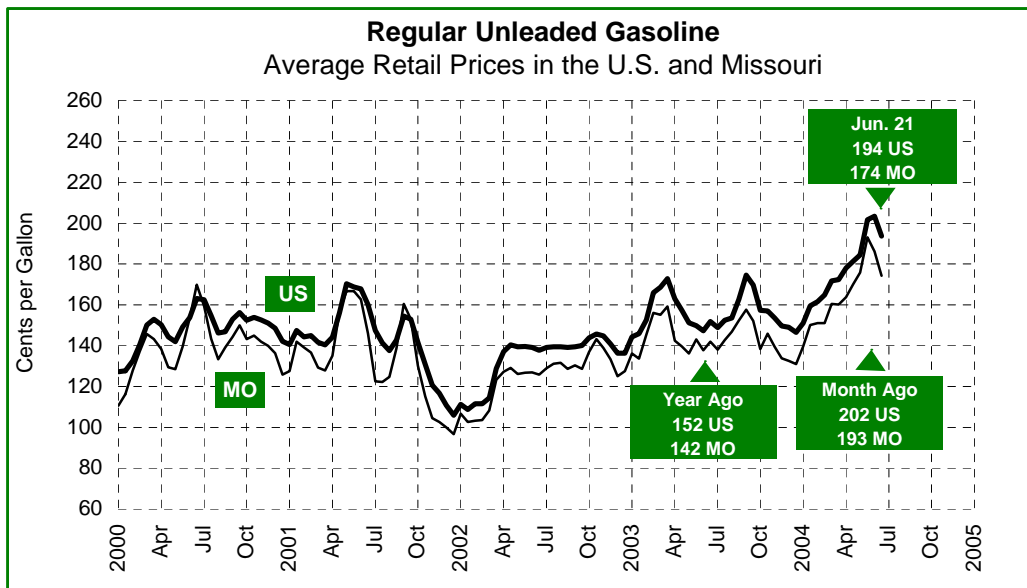
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<i>Regular Unleaded Gasoline - Retail Prices (cents per gallon)</i>					
	<u>06-21-04</u>	<u>05-17-04</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>06-16-03</u>	<u>change</u>
US	194	202	down 4%	152	up 28%
Missouri	174	193	down 10%	142	up 23%

<i>Diesel Fuel - Retail Prices (cents per gallon)</i>					
	<u>06-21-04</u>	<u>05-17-04</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>06-16-03</u>	<u>change</u>
Missouri	163	166	down 2%	137	up 19%

- The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline decreased by 4.8 cents per gallon as of June 21 to reach 193.7 cents per gallon, 44.1 cents higher than this time last year. This is the fourth week in a row that prices have decreased. EIA believes that prices will continue to soften in coming weeks, but does not expect prices to return to the level prior to this spring's increases.
- U.S. gasoline supplies fell for the week ending June 18 with commercial supplies falling 0.8 million barrels. Although U.S. supplies are reported at 205.14 million barrels, they are still down about 3.1 million barrels compared to last year.
- U.S. gasoline supplies fell due to a decrease in domestic gasoline production moving down by 38,000 barrels per day to 8.655 million barrels per day. U.S. gasoline production peaked during the week ending May 7 with U.S. refineries producing 9.082 million barrels of gasoline per day. Imported gasoline helped prevent a larger loss in gasoline supplies with over 1 million barrels imported per day.





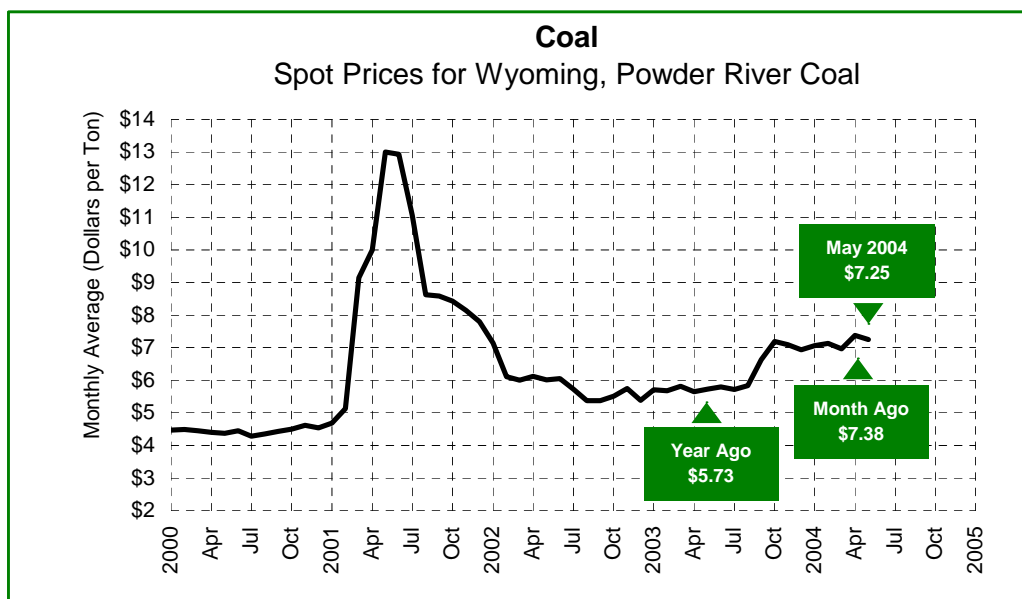
Motor Gasoline - Total Stocks (millions of barrels)					
	<u>06-18-04</u>	<u>05-14-04</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>06-13-03</u>	<u>change</u>
US	205	204	up 1%	209	down 2%

## Coal

The average price paid for Powder River Wyoming coal is 27 percent higher than last year at this time.

Coal - Spot Prices (dollars per ton)					
	<u>May '04</u>	<u>Apr. '04</u>	<u>change</u>	<u>May '03</u>	<u>change</u>
Powder River	\$7.25	\$7.38	down 2%	\$5.73	up 27%

- Estimated coal production for the week ending June 19 was 21.233 million short tons (mmst). This was 4.4 percent above the comparable week in 2003. Year-to-date U.S. coal production is estimated at 512.6 mmst, or 2.3 percent ahead of the corresponding total for 2003.

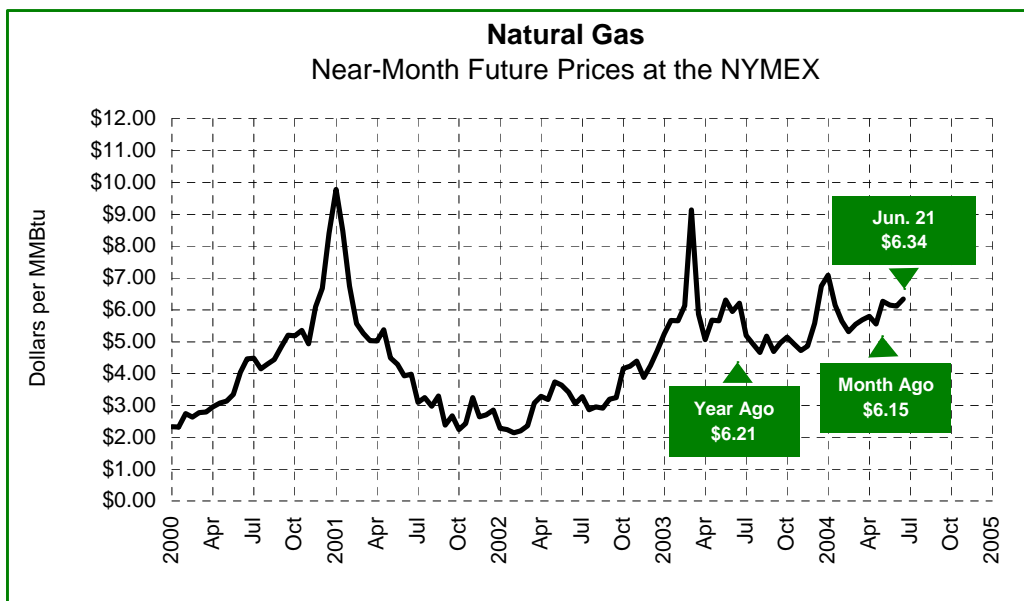


## Natural Gas

For the week ending June 4, U.S. commercial supplies of natural gas stood at 1,564 Bcf or 0.5 percent below the 5-year average for this time of year.

Natural Gas - Near Month Future Prices (dollars per mmbtu)					
	06-21-04	05-18-04	change	06-11-03	change
NYMEX	\$6.34	\$6.15	up 3%	\$6.21	up 2%

- Working gas inventories increased to 1,845 Bcf as of Friday, June 18, according to EIA's Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report of Thursday, June 24. The implied net increase in inventories of 85 Bcf was nearly 10 percent less than the 5-year average for the week of 94 Bcf, bringing total gas in storage below the 5-year average by 1 Bcf
- According to the latest data from the National Weather Service for the week ended Saturday, June 19, the nation as a whole had 22 percent higher cooling degree days (CDDs) than normal. This warmer-than-usual weather likely generated significant demand for space cooling in parts of the nation, which likely resulted in some gas being consumed at power plants that might otherwise have been injected into storage.



## Propane

**Midwest propane supplies improved by 0.6 million barrels for the week ending June 18, placing supplies at 16.8 million barrels compared with 12.1 million barrels at this time last year.**

- U.S. inventories of propane continued higher last week with a weekly build of 1.2 million barrels. This put the nation's primary supply of propane at an estimated 41.2 million barrels as of June 18, 2004. Strong imports over the past several weeks have contributed to significantly increase propane inventories this month, although last week's drop in imports most likely was the cause for the lower weekly build seen compared to the previous week. The Midwest region's supplies were higher last week and posted the largest build with a 0.6-million-barrel gain, pushing inventories in the region to 16.8 million barrels.

## Energy Bulletin Update

The Energy Bulletin has a new e-mail advisory service that will include an email and a direct link to the Bulletin on our web page rather than an email attachment. This new service will allow our readers to have easy and timely access to a newly designed Missouri Energy Bulletin that includes easier to read summaries of price and supply information as well as colored charts and graphs. To register for the new distribution service, please visit <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/energy/transportation/e-bulletin.htm>

## Missouri Energy Outlook

The Missouri Energy Outlook, an energy resource analysis reviewing prices and availability of energy in Missouri over the summer months was released today by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Energy Center. Copies of the Missouri Energy Outlook are available online at the department's Web site at <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/energy/energyoutlook.pdf>, or may be obtained by calling the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Energy Center at (573) 751-3443 or the department toll free at (800) 361-4827.

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